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District 3

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District 4

Long Beach BLAST
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District 5

Asian Youth Center
100 W. Clary Ave
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**To enroll in an Operation READ Program
in your community,
call the Community Partner Site
in your Supervisorial District**



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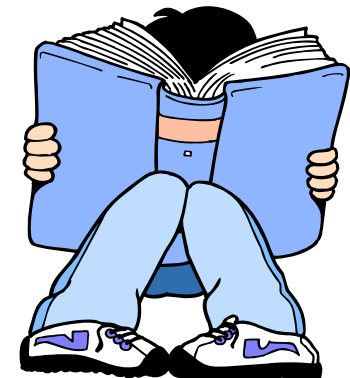
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Chief Probation Officer



OPERATION READ

Tutoring Program



"Readers are Leaders"

OPERATION READ

Operation READ is a literacy initiative that provides free one-to-one and small group tutoring to youth that are two or more grades below grade level in reading, writing and comprehension. The program emphasizes learning through phonics, reading aloud and to oneself, interactive games, and writing activities.

Academic mentors build relationships with the youth and provide tutoring services. As tutors, they provide a variety of instructional approaches individualized to each learner and strive to make learning fun.

Youth are encouraged to obtain a library card and to take advantage of the resources available in their community's public library to support their ongoing educational and literacy efforts. Their library card will also connect with on-line Live Homework Help accessed through the County of Los Angeles Public Library system.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

61% of youth that participated in 40 hours of tutoring improved their reading assessment scores by a minimum of two grade levels. Another 30% of the youth improved one grade level.

BELIEF STATEMENT

The ability to read and to comprehend what one reads is fundamental to academic and career success. Having the ability to read opens the door to opportunities and making informed choices.

The ability to read can be learned at any age. Each of us has the capacity to learn. Many can benefit from tutoring to improve reading, comprehension, writing and spelling skills.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Operation READ program is designed to strengthen reading and comprehension skills to equip youth with literacy tools necessary to succeed in life.

HISTORY

In 1999, Supervisor Don Knabe spearheaded a task force to address the severe literacy needs of youth in the delinquency and foster care systems. It was comprised of County of Los Angeles agencies, including the Probation Department, Children and Family Services, Superior Court, County Public Library, and Los Angeles County Office of Education, as well as eleven community partners.



Annual All Star Recognition Event / May 2007

Youth represent outstanding students
from each of the five Supervisorial Districts

Operation READ tutors youth in the juvenile halls, residential treatment facilities (camps), group homes, and in the local community. Services are provided in collaboration with the school, after-school and on Saturdays.

For youth in the local community, five community partners provide the tutoring services.

YOUTH AND TUTOR COMMITMENT

Willingness

I will come with a willingness to learn.

Effort

I will give my best effort each day.

Respect

I will treat others with respect and fairness in all my actions.

Environment

I will do my part to make our environment a good place to learn.

Attention

I will give my attention to those whom I am working with.

Discipline

I will practice self-discipline in my studies and my actions.

YOUTH'S COMMENTS

"Operation READ has helped me with my reading and writing. Before I didn't know how to read or write, but now I do thanks to Operation READ." Luis

"I was embarrassed when I started Operation READ because I couldn't read. My tutor worked with me and helped build my confidence. She encouraged me to apply to East Los Angeles College and I did." Wilbert

"Operation READ is very helpful for kids like me who are in a camp and need to improve their reading. I like the material because I have learned about nouns, pronouns, subject and vocabulary." Ignacia